

## GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE MEETING

December 7, 2011

Present: Rick Accurso (acting chair), David Strickland, Pat Shields, Marc Kratzchmar, Carole Caffey, Marie Skillman, David Swarens, Cheryl Brierton, Matt Thomas, Kathryn Willets, David Skillman, Janice Davis, John Kroll (acting secretary), Lucia Hermans (guest)

Future meetings: The committee voted (Kratzchmar moved, Strickland seconded, all in favor) to hold future meetings at the Golden Hill CDC Office. The next meeting will take place Jan. 18, with the following one scheduled tentatively for Feb. 1. David Strickland will chair the Jan. 18 meeting, which will discuss existing land use and urban design. Members are urged to bring photos of good urban design and commercial development.

### Definitions:

1. Distinction between community plan and planned district ordinance (PDO): The community plan provides a general view; the more specific PDO is derived from the plan. The committee will also provide guidance for the PDO.
2. "City of Villages." Requires mixed-use commercial, residential, and public space. Provides incentives for public space. Some Village sites could add more density within existing zoning.

### Comments around the table:

1. The need to preserve open space and views (Brierton) can be handled in discussions of land use and urban design.
2. Maps currently identify three major areas in GGH. Perhaps add a fourth: the more modern suburban area to the east (Swarens).
3. All Golden Hill is one Village (D. Skillman).
4. Planning for a walking distance of five or 10 minutes to shops will result in spotty business development. A 15-minute walk is doable and more realistic. Also, the area by GH Elementary School could serve as an activity zone (Willets).
5. The area needs a library and community center (Thomas).
6. The Delevan area may gain density and public facilities (M. Skillman).
7. Beware of the "City of Villages" term because the neighborhood and the city may define it differently (Caffey). "City of Villages" is a euphemism that would destroy what we want to preserve and enhance (Swarens).
8. Rather than dividing areas into "Villages," focus on problems in specific areas (Kratzchmar).
9. Adding more commercial areas may drive out small, unique businesses (Shields).
10. Preserve open space and create parks where people gather (Strickland).
11. Add "urban design" as a discussion topic (Kratzchmar). Include it in plazas and pocket parks (Accurso). 28<sup>th</sup> St. from B to E has been designated as a linear park (Willets).

Bernie Turgeon's report:

1. A Land Use map will be available by the end of January. Elementary plan elements will be reviewed by early April. A traffic model won't be available until late spring or early summer. The community plan is expected to be complete by next summer, though sections may come out earlier.
2. The plan format will be modeled on that of Barrio Logan, now available online. See General Plan on the city's website and Barrio Logan under that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.